

October 2016
Foreman Report

Roads

- October was a very productive month for the road crew. The highlight was replacing three culverts on North Shore Road. All three culverts we replaced were completely rotten on the bottom allowing water to travel around the pipes and not through. This resulted in undermining of the road in the spring and with large rains. We accomplished all three replacements in one week completing one culvert per day and finished the week out putting down rip-rap, erosion control, and seed. The crew did an outstanding job working efficiently together and made light work of these projects.
- All of the catch basins in town have been cleaned out and are operating as they should. This tedious project began in September and was on and off work through October. Great work on this project by Evan and William!
- Several leaning trees were cut down on North Shore and South Shore Roads to provide a safer Right of Way.
- About 120 yards of salt sand has been mixed in preparation of winter.

Parks

- With no frost until late October, the grass continued to grow. Dick continued working until October 25th maintaining the grass and helping to winterize the parks.
- We turned off the water to BBTP on October 25th and blew out all the lines. Although, no more reservations are booked for fall and winter, the park is available for camping, with power hook ups and pit toilet facilities.
- Joni's Beach, Pergola, and the Rec Center bathrooms have all been closed and winterized for the season. The Whitefish St. Bathrooms will stay open until the day time highs are in the upper 30's.
- Ben, Steve, and Adam added a border around the Fire Dept. garden in preparation for planting in the spring.
- The willow tree at the pocket park was trimmed to lift the low lying branches. Also trimmed were the large White Pine trees in front of the Town Hall to give better visibility of the Town Hall from the road.
- Ben has been looking for reservation site alternatives to Leisure Interactive, who we currently use for BBTP's reservations. We have narrowed the field of possibilities and will be researching references with Carol to hopefully recommend a different provider soon. We would like to make the transition in the beginning of January.
- All park staff, except Ben, has been laid off for the season. I would like to thank all of them for their hard work and dedication for making our parks clean and welcoming. Good job parks crew!

Equipment

- Truck 54 is outfitted for winter and is ready for when the snow flies.
- The fire dept.'s Engine #3 had a flat tire and was fixed. The road crew hopes to buy this truck when it is replaced by the fire dept. in the coming years. It would be a great replacement to the blue truck/van that is currently used by the mechanic.
- Our jumping jack and pavement saw have not been operating well. Both will be going to Axle's, in Ashland, for repair soon.

Admin./Misc.

- 2017-2019 budget work continued.
- The safety meeting was titled "Health and Wellness". We discussed the importance of taking care of yourself and how that benefits both the employee and employer.
- The AWOS at the airport has not been working as it should. Two different contractors have been out to fix it in recent days. It seems to be an electrical issue from a combination of faulty craftsmanship and faulty equipment. We will closely monitor the system after it is fixed to be sure it is working as it should.

Respectfully submitted,

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